Judge Decides Shaw-Garrison Suit May Go On

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NEW ORLEANS, March 5 (UPI)—A federal judge has ruled that the executor of Clay L. Shaw's estate may proceed with a $5 million damage suit against former District Attorney Jim Garrison and several financial backers of his investigation into the assassination of John F. Kennedy.

U. S. District Court Judge Frederick J. R. Heebe said, "Shaw surely deserves an opportunity to have his day in court and attempt to clear his name, if only posthumously. Since Louisiana law would deny him this opportunity, we hold that it is inconsisten with federal law and shoul not be applied."

The court ruling came Tues day on the motion of Garriso and others asking dismissal o the suit on the grounds it die with the death of Shaw o Aug. 15, 1974.